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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES OPERATED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES."**

1 Strike subsection (a) of section 1 in its entirety and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, on and
4 after the date the task force established in section 501 of this act
5 submits its report to the General Assembly, until January 1, 2009, no
6 state agency, including, but not limited to, the Department of Children
7 and Families, may close a residential facility operated by the
8 Department of Children and Families without obtaining prior
9 legislative approval in accordance with this section."

10 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
11 internal references accordingly:

12 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force

13 to study (1) the functions performed by the Department of Children
14 and Families, and (2) options for assigning responsibility for certain
15 functions of the department to other state agencies.

16 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

19 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;

21 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

22 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;

24 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

25 (7) The chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking members of (A)
26 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
27 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, appropriations and
28 human services, and (B) the select committee of the General Assembly
29 having cognizance of matters relating to children.

30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
31 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
32 of the General Assembly.

33 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
34 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
35 filled by the appointing authority.

36 (e) The president pro tempore of the Senate may serve as
37 chairperson of the task force. If the president pro tempore does not
38 elect to serve as chairperson of the task force, the speaker of the House
39 of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall
40 jointly select a chairperson. The chairperson shall schedule the first

41 meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than sixty days
42 after the effective date of this section.

43 (f) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General
44 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children shall serve
45 as administrative staff of the task force.

46 (g) Not later than January 1, 2007, the task force shall submit a
47 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
48 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
49 relating to the judiciary, appropriations and human services, and the
50 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
51 matters relating to children, in accordance with the provisions of
52 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
53 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2007, whichever is
54 later."